

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 20-5137
OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY ON)
NOVEMBER 11, 2020 IN THE GREATER) Introduced by Councilor Craig Dirksen
PORTLAND REGION

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress formally designated November 11 as Veterans Day to pay tribute to all American Veterans on the day previously observed as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, the people who serve and protect the United States represent the diversity of our Nation and our community, including Americans of all races, nationalities, colors, abilities, and creeds, and this diversity is what makes our Nation and our Armed Forces stronger and more vibrant; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 97,000 Veterans who live in the Greater Portland region and they share with us their strong work ethic, sense of duty, adaptability, and commitment to their community and public service, and that these skills strengthen our community and our workplaces; and

WHEREAS, Metro honors Veteran employees and job applicants through our Veterans preference policy, and currently employs more than 40 Veterans who enrich our organization; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Veterans face profound challenges during their service and at home, and that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbates many of these challenges by making it more difficult to access health care and connect with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to ensure our Veterans have access to quiet respites in natural areas, to a safe transportation system, and to the stable and affordable housing and that they have earned and deserved.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2020, all Veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, Active, Reserve, and National Guard be honored and remembered.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of November 2020.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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